

**WEEKLY ACTIVITY REPORT for RA/DRA Region 8**  
**Week ending November 16, 2018**

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## **EPA Region 8 and Anaconda site, Montana**

Key Message: EPA attended the Anaconda School Board Meeting November 14, 2018 to provide soil sampling results from this summer for Mitchell Stadium in Anaconda, Montana in response to concerns raised by the Superintendent.

- On October 26, 2018, a rail was encountered at two feet below ground surface by a crew excavating a sewer cleanout at the northwest end of Mitchell Stadium.
- EPA attended the November 14, 2018 Anaconda School Board Meeting in Anaconda, Montana, to present data from Atlantic Richfield Company soil sampling of Mitchell Stadium last summer that demonstrates that the field meets residential cleanup requirements for the Anaconda Smelter Superfund site.
- Anaconda/Deer Lodge County has a county ordinance in place that establishes a Development Permit System, which is an institutional control that requires a permit be issued prior to any excavation within the Superfund Site. Had the school district applied for the permit before

conducting the excavation as required, they would have been advised on proper handling of any excavated materials.

- EPA explained that while the sampling data show that the field is safe for use, the county's Development Permit System provides a mechanism for property owners and developers to safely address residual contamination and anything beyond the cleanup requirements of the Record of Decision.
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